4. By the end of 9th Five Year Plan, it is planned to provide telephone on demand and connect exchanges by reliable media to bring Assam comparable with most other states of the country. ,

Female Prisoners in Jails

605. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise figures of female under trial prisoners kept in Jail with period range of such detention;

(b) whether Government have framed any rules or asked State Governments to form uniform rules on the subject; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Available information is given in the enclosed statement. *{See* below)

(b) and (c) 'Prisons' being a State subject, it is primarily for the State Governments to deal with any matter relating to the administration of prisons in accordance with the provisions of relevant rules, regulations and jail manuals.

Statement

Annexure

NUmber of Women undertrials as on 30-6-1996

S1. No.	Name of State/UT	Number of undertrials
1.	Andhra Pradesh	392
2.	Bihar	568
3.	Goa	1
4.	Gujarat Haryana	121
5.	Himachal Pradesh	136
6.		8
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	5
8.	Karnataka	148
9.	Kerala	94
10.	Madhya Pradesh	385
11.	Maharashtra	471
12.	Orissa	139
13.	Punjab	232
14.	Rajasthan	119
15.	Tamil Nadu	279
16.	Uttar Pradesh	464
17.	West Bengal	416
18.	Arunachal Pradesh	.- 2
19.	Assam	74
20.	Manipur	19
21.	Meghalaya	2
22.	MiZoram	45
23.	Nagaland	6
24.	Sikkim	1
25.	Tripara	9
26.	Delhi	315
27.	A & N Islands	2
28.	Chandigarh	9
29.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—
30.	Daman & Diu	—
31.	Lakshadweep	—
32.	Pondicherry	2
	TOTAL:	4464

Statistics relating to the period of detention are not yet maintained by the Central Government.

Target for Providing Village Public Telephone in Gujarat

606. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the target planned by Government to provide village public telephones in Gujarat during the current financial year with details thereof;

(b) to what extent the target have been achieved so far as on date; and

(c) whether the targets are likely to be achieved, if not, the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) during 1996-97, total 4000 Village Public Telephones (VPTs) are targeted to be provided. The SSA-wise details are in the enclosed statement. (See below)

(b) Total 249 Village Public Telephones (VPTs) have been provided till 31.10.1996. Details are given in the enclosed Statement (See below)

(c) Yes, Sir. The targets are likely to be achieved.

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Name of SSA	Target for 1996-97	Achievement since April, 96 to provide VPTs. (as on 31.10.96)
1. Ahmedabad	66	____
2. Amreli	70	____
3. Bharuch	300	4
4. Bhavnagar	137	—
5. Jamnagar	113	—
6. Junagadh	200	26
7. Panchmahal	475	—
8. Surat	300	43
9. Vadodara	479	18
10. Valsad	400	27
11. Banaskantha	400	64
12. Kheda	77	—
13. Kutch-Bhuj	300	21
14. Mehsana	143	—
15. Rajkot	93	15
16. Sabarkantha	392	31
17. Surendranagar	3	—
18. Union Territories	52	" —
TOTAL	4000	249

Allocation of Funds for Road Safety in Andhra Pradesh

607. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for road safety in Andhra Pradesh for 1996-97;

(b) whether such funds have been released;

(c) whether it is a fact that specific requests have been made for release of funds and facilities for road safety in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government have called any meeting in this regard;?

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT {SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) There is no State-wise allocation of funds for road safety.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Government have received representations requesting for setting up of rest area and for taking steps to enhance road safety in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Proposal to Establish a Fund for Development of National Highways

608. SHRI O. P. KOHLI:
SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to establish a fund for the development and upkeep of National Highways in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there is also a proposal to impose a tax on diesel and petrol prices to raise funds; if so, how much increase